

2010 Spring Lecture Series

Advanced ICWA Issues

March 12, 2010 in South Sioux City, 8:30-12:00

Iowa Nebraska State Bank

2021 Dakota Avenue

May 21, 2010 in Valentine, 8:30-12:00

Valentine's Niobrara Lodge

803 East Highway 20

Description: This lecture will provide an overview and discussion of issues, challenges, and promising practices that focus on increasing protections and improving outcomes for Indian children and their families in the child welfare system. Potential topics include: active efforts, cultural relevancy, identification of Indian children, ICWA notice, placement preferences, transfer to tribal court, consent to placement and/or relinquishment, releasing information (opening adoption records) and ICWA remedies.

Trainer: Sherri Eveleth is the Indian Child Welfare Program Specialist for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Children and Family Services. She is an attorney licensed in the Omaha, Ponca, and Winnebago tribal courts and the in the states of Nebraska and South Dakota. Prior to joining HHS she was employed by the Nebraska Legal Services Native American Program to provide advice, brief service and representation to tribes and individuals in the areas of treaties, federal Indian law (including ICWA) and tribal law. Ms. Eveleth was very active in the development of the Iowa ICWA Law.

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This event is sponsored by the Nebraska Court Improvement Project. For more information on the Nebraska Court Improvement Project, the Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, or this training, please visit our website at www.throughtheeyes.org.

Questions? Please contact Melissa Townsend (mtownsend3@unl.edu, 402.472.3292) or Vicky Weisz (vweisz1@unl.edu, 402.472.9814).

All individuals with a stake in the child welfare court system are invited to attend, including judges, attorneys, caseworkers, clerks, school personnel, law enforcement, medical and service providers, foster families, treatment providers, CASA, FCRB, and court facilitators.

You must register to attend. Registration and more information will be available by February 5 at www.throughtheeyes.org. There is no cost to attend but registration will close when limits are reached. You must register in advance to receive MCLE credits. There will be a \$15 fee for 3 credits.

If you are unable to attend, this session will become available through video streaming at www.throughtheeyes.org.

